Overview of Ohio Department of Health (ODH)

ODH’s mission: Protect and improve the health of all Ohioans by preventing disease, promoting good health and assuring access to quality care.

Pillars of Public Health:
• Infectious Diseases
• Preparedness
• Health Equity & Access
• Environmental Health
• Regulatory Compliance
• Health Improvement & Wellness
Health and education are mutual

Students need healthy foods, the opportunity for physical activity, clean air, a safe learning environment and access to quality health services to succeed academically.
How ODH can help:

• Assess strengths and weaknesses related to health and wellness.
• Identify best practice strategies that will support the learning process.
• Provide training and technical assistance.
• Provide resources and information related to regulatory compliance.
School Nursing Program

School nurse consultants are available as resource experts to school nurses, school administrators, local health departments and other interested individuals, organizations and agencies.
School Nutrition Environment Assessments
Comprehensive School Physical Activity Training and Resources

Our strategies focus on before and after school programming, activities for moving in the classroom, walking or biking to school, and quality, fitness-based physical education.
Model 100% Tobacco-Free School Policies

Cigarettes can cause wrinkles.

Under 18
No Tobacco
Ohio deaths and death rates per 100,000 due to unintentional drug overdose by year, Ohio Residents, 1999-2014¹
Drug Use Prevention

Know! provides parents, grandparents, caregivers, teachers and other school administrators with information about alcohol, tobacco and other drugs, as well as action steps they can take to help children resist peer pressure to use.

Start Talking!
Building a Drug-Free Future
starttalking.ohio.gov
ODH is also working with a team of curriculum experts from the Ohio Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance to develop a K-12 opiate prevention curriculum.
Safe School Resources and Trainings
In conclusion...
Let’s work together to improve the health and well-being of youth and prepare them to be successful adults.
Thank you!